

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)	CAUSE NO. 479
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	)	
OPERATIONS IN THE GRAND VALLEY FIELD,	)	DOCKET NO. 1208-AW-22
GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On April 20, 1990, the Commission issued Order No. 479-2 which, among other things, established two approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing units, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Formation, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 1,200 feet from any well producing or producible from the same formation, and that an additional well may be drilled for production from the Mesaverde Formation, with the optional well to be located in accordance with the stated rule. Section 12, Township 7 South, Range 96 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to Order No. 479-2 for the Williams Fork and Iles Formations of the Mesaverde Group.

On June 21, 2012, WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC ("WPX" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to § 34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified application ("Application") for an order to allow the equivalent of one well per 10 acres to be drilled, for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations of the Mesaverde Group:

Township 7 South, Range 96 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 12: E½

Applicant confirms that all future Williams Fork or Iles Formation wells on the Application Lands should be located downhole anywhere upon the Application Lands but no closer than 100 feet from the boundaries of any lease line unless such unit abuts or corners lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted the right to drill 10-acre density downhole drilling for the Williams Fork or Iles Formation, in which event the Williams Fork or Iles Formation wells to be drilled shall be drilled downhole no closer than 200 feet from the boundaries of any lease line so abutting or cornering such lands which the Commission has not ordered 10-acre density downhole drilling for the Williams Fork or Iles Formation wells. That all wells to be drilled under the verified application will be drilled from the surface, either vertically or directionally, from no more than one pad located on a given quarter quarter section, unless exception is granted by the Director.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction granted to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (Commission) under § 34-60-105 C.R.S.; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to § 34-60-106 C.R.S.; 3) the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act at § 24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date:	Monday, August 20, 2012 Tuesday, August 21, 2012
Time:	9:00 a.m.
Place:	Suite 801, The Chancery Building 1120 Lincoln Street Denver, Colorado 80203

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

Pursuant to said hearing in the above-entitled matter at the time and place aforesaid, or at any adjourned meeting, the Commission will enter such orders as it deems appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to prevent the waste of oil and gas, either or both, in the operations of said field, and to carry out the purposes of the statute.

In accordance with Rule 509., any interested party desiring to protest the granting of the application or to intervene on the application should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention no later than August 6, 2012, briefly stating the basis of the protest or intervention. Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. An original and 13 copies shall be filed with the Commission. **Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of August 6, 2012.** Pursuant to Rule 503.g., if a party who has received notice under Rule 503.b. wishes to receive further pleadings in the above-referenced matter, that party must file a protest or intervention in accordance with these rules. In accordance with the practices of the Commission, should no protests or interventions be filed in this matter by **August 6, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of August 6, 2012.** In the alternative, pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, the applicant may request, and the Director may recommend approval on the basis of the merits of the verified application and the supporting exhibits.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated at Suite 801  
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